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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has conducted any study on the water resources in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated by the World Bank for carrying out reforms in the water sector in the country; and

(d) the details of funds released by the World Bank during the last two years, Statewise and scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The World Bank has undertaken a study and Technical Assistance initiative on Ground Water Management in India with the objectives of identifying management strategies for promoting sustainable groundwater use in the heavily groundwater dependent States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. An assessment was also carried out in Punjab.Based on the outcome of the study, the World Bank has brought out the report on "Deep Wells and Prudence: Towards Pragmatic Action for Addressing Groundwater Over-exploitation in India". The report has suggested a combination of demand side measures, conjunctive use and groundwater recharge enhancement to manage over-exploitation of groundwater in the country and have indicated a set of pragmatic measures that can be effectively implemented at ground level.

(c) & (d) A list of Water Resources and Irrigation Projects financed by world Bank as well as the details of funds released by the World Bank, State-wise and project-wise is at Annexure-I.